

# Floral Street Elementary School

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## FLORAL FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Families,

The staff and students here at Floral Street School are goal-oriented when it comes to learning. Our school sets rigorous goals to improve student learning and wellness as a way to keep focused on our priorities and hold ourselves accountable for doing all we can to reach those goals together. Students are often engaged in goal-setting connected to reading, work habits, math fact mastery, and expected behaviors. Adults set goals, too. These goals target areas of professional practice, student learning, school improvement, or even maximizing efficiencies (such as our goal last year to reduce costs associated with printing documents...which we met!).

All of these goals are certainly important in our shared efforts to improve learning, and they feed into our larger goal of *making Floral Street School a place where all children want to come every day and where they feel they belong*. There's no question that children

(and adults) learn more when they are in safe and caring environments and have strong connections to the people in those places.

One way I am reminded of our progress towards this larger goal is whenever I have the opportunity to be in the front foyer during arrival time as the hundreds of students pour into the building. On any given day, you will see these students walking into school with smiles on their faces- they are usually chatting with friends, sometimes holding hands, and greeting the adults and students they see in the foyer. They typically mill about for a minute or two, reading the daily morning message written on the easel, stopping to view student art work on the bulletin board, or checking out any updates posted from Mrs. Smith on the gymnasium doors. It's clear by the smiles on their faces, their "good morning" greetings, and the bounce in their steps that they are happy to come to school and are connected to the people in their school. Just last week, a new family entered the front doors during arrival time. The very first thing the mother of the new student said to me was, "I have never seen so many students seem so happy to be walking into school in the morning." This kind of comment validates the collective efforts of the Floral staff and parents to cultivate the warm, welcoming, and joyful climate that permeates our school.

Speaking of joyful, there was much excitement when we reminded students that Assistant Principal **Mrs. Ostrander will be returning to school this week!** As most of you know, Tiffany has been on maternity leave this fall and has been loving every minute being mom to her son, Everett, and enjoying her time with him at home. Tiffany is excited about returning to school and reconnecting with students and staff. We can't wait to welcome her back!

~Lisa

Reminder: **This Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, is an Early Release Day for students.** Students will be dismissed at 12:15; lunches will not be served on this day.

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**Important Notes:****After School Activities Program – New Classes Start the Week of January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The After School Activities Program resumes in January with some great new offerings as well as the return of some old favorites. The cost is only \$40 for a 6-week session, and classes start January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Offerings include Reader's Theatre, Yoga, Computer Programming, Monologue Workshop, Cribbage and "Science Sparkles." The attached flyer gives more information about each class and provides the link for on-line registration.

Registration will open Thursday December 1st at 7:00AM. Classes fill quickly and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning,  
[kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

**Holiday Staff Appreciation Breakfast**

The Floral PTO is hosting a Holiday Staff Appreciation Breakfast on **Thursday, December 15th** in the Floral media center. We need help to make this event a success and show the staff how much we appreciate them! Please sign up for one or more items at the link below. Contact Nancy Nelson at [nleenelson\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:nleenelson_99@yahoo.com) with any questions. Thank you for your help!  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ABAF2CA3FC1-holiday1>

### **From the PTO – Ski Lessons at Ski Ward to Benefit the Floral PTO**

The temperatures are dropping which can only mean it's almost time for SNOW!!!

Ski Ward now has ski/snowboard lesson online registration up and running! All you need to do is select Floral Street as an affiliation and the PTO will receive 5% of lesson money back at the end of the winter season. All registration must be done online. Please visit [www.skiward.com](http://www.skiward.com) and sign up today. THINK SNOW!

### **From the PTO – Visit Claytime on December 6<sup>th</sup> and Have Some Fun!**

**Are you are looking for something to do with your children on Tuesday December 6, which is a half day of school?** No need to worry! Invite your friends for a very *fun* afternoon at **Claytime in Shrewsbury!** Kids love painting pottery and on Tuesday *20% of proceeds will go to the Floral PTO*. Right now Claytime is well-stocked with holiday and gift items.

Present the attached flyer at checkout, or just let them know that you are with the Floral Fundraiser!

- When: Tuesday December 6 (hours are 10am to 9pm)
- Where: Claytime, 124 Boston Turnpike in Shrewsbury (near White City)
- Why: Get a start on your holiday shopping and support the Floral PTO!

### **From the PTO: Count on Computers Enrichment**

## Program

There are numerous benefits of introducing kids to Computer Science early. While our kids use laptop, iPads & smart phones to play games, watch videos etc., it's important to introduce them to basics of computer science. Once this foundational knowledge is in place then introducing kids to actual programming languages will be the next step.

RASA Creations has once again partnered with the Floral PTO to offer Computer Workshop for kids grade 1 to 3 with a portion of the fees will go to the Floral PTO. The workshop will give an overview of Computers and basic theory and practical of Computer Programming.

Dates - December 26th and 27th

Time - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Venue - Shrewsbury (TBD)

To view more details, click on the attached flyer or email at [sarita.deshpande@rasacreations.com](mailto:sarita.deshpande@rasacreations.com).

### Notes from Previous Flyers:

### Important Upcoming Dates:

\*New dates added this week appear in bold print

December 6	Early Release Day for Students (Professional Development Day for Staff) / Dismissal starts at 12:15pm
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Holiday Staff Appreciation Breakfast</b>
December 19	Trimester 1 Report Cards Sent Home
December 26-January 2	December Break / No School
January 3	Students Return to School
January 16	NO SCHOOL / Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18	School Council Meeting / 5:15 in FSS Media Center
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Grade 4 Chorus Concerts /6:30- Edgren, Ralys, and Ross</b>

	<b>Classes</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Grade 4 Chorus Concerts /7:30- Powell and Goulding Classes</b>
<b>January 25</b>	<b>Grade 4 Chorus Concert /6:30 – Murphy, Manning, and Spangenberg Classes</b>

**Most Frequently Used Numbers:**

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<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/documents/final16-17calendar.pdf>

**The Elementary Lunch Menu** can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

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